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SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF AMBASSADOR EBERLE'S TRADE CONSULTATIONS IN COLOMBIA

1. DURING TRADE CONSULTATIONS WITH GOC OFFICIALS IN BOGOTA ON APRIL 26, 1974, AMBASSADOR EBERLE OFFERED TO SEND THE GOC A MEMORANDUM OF THE U.S. UNDERSTANDING OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE CONSULTATIONS. THE MEMORANDUM SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO APPROPRIATE GOC OFFICIALS. NO REPLY IS EXPECTED THOUGH WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE ANY COMMENTS THAT THE GOC MAY WISH TO MAKE. THE MEMORANDUM FOLLOWS.

2. QUOTE: ON APRIL 26, 1974, A DELEGATION FROM THE UNITED STATES HEADED BY AMBASSADOR WILLIAM EBERLE, THE SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT, MET WITH A DELEGATION OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FROM COLOMBIA TO  
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DISCUSS MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST IN THE TRADE FIELD.

AT THIS MEETING AMBASSADOR EBERLE REVIEWED THE MAJOR PROVISIONS AND THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE TRADE REFORM ACT (TRA) BILL WHICH HE HOPED WOULD BE PASSED BY CONGRESS THIS SUMMER. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE TRA CONTAINS AUTHORIZATION FOR THE U.S. TO IMPLEMENT A SYSTEM OF GENERALIZED PREFERENCES (GSP) FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE THEN EXPRESSED THE HOPE OF SENDING AN INITIAL PRODUCT LIST, ON WHICH TARIFFS ON IMPORTS FROM DESIGNATED

DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WOULD BE REDUCED TO ZERO, TO THE TARIFF COMMISSION FOR STUDY AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE TRA IS ENACTED. AMB. EBERLE REQUESTED THAT COLOMBIA SUBMIT ITS LIST OF PRODUCTS IN PRIORITY ORDER TO THE U.S. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND ESPECIALLY PRIOR TO JUNE 30. AMB. EBERLE DESCRIBED THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE FOUR SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE TRADE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE (TNC) IN GENEVA, (I.E. TARIFF, NON-TARIFF BARRIERS, AGRICULTURE AND TROPICAL PRODUCTS AS WELL AS POSSIBILITIES FOR ESTABLISHING GROUPS ON SECTORS AND SAFEGUARDS. HE URGED COLOMBIA TO PARTICIPATE FULLY AND ACTIVELY IN THESE DISCUSSIONS IN ORDER TO HAVE AS WIDE A PARTICIPATION AS POSSIBLE AND TO ASSURE THAT THEIR INTERESTS WOULD BE PROTECTED. AMB. EBERLE ALSO REFERRED TO THE PROBLEM OF COMMODITIES THAT ARE SOMETIMES IN SHORT SUPPLY AND SUGGESTED THAT THIS PROBLEM COULD BEST BE TREATED BY DEVELOPING COMMONLY AGREED GUIDELINES, PROBABLY WITHIN THE GATT FRAMEWORK, WHEN SUCH A SHORT SUPPLY AROSE. FINALLY, AMBASSADOR EBERLE STRESSED THE UNITED STATES INTEREST IN DEVELOPING DURING THE MTN, MECHANISMS OR DEFINITIONS TO DEAL WITH SAFEGUARD PROVISIONS, SUBSIDIES, STANDARDS AND ADVANCE CONSULTATIONS.

THE COLOMBIAN DELEGATION BROUGHT UP THE FOLLOWING ISSUES TO WHICH THE U.S. DELEGATION RESPONDED BY OUTLINING THE U.S. POSITION ON THESE SAME ISSUES:

A. THE NEED FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL COFFEE AGREEMENT.

B. AN INCREASE IN COLOMBIA'S FERROUS SCRAP ALLOCATION  
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UNDER THE U.S. PROGRAM OF EXPORT RESTRAINT OF SUCH SCRAP.

C. COLOMBIA'S NEED FOR A PL-480 WHEAT AGREEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1975.

D. AN INCREASE IN THE COLOMBIAN QUOTA UNDER U.S. SUGAR MARKET LEGISLATION.

E. AN INCREASE IN COLOMBIA'S COTTON TEXTILE QUOTA UNDER THE MULTI-FIBER TEXTILE AGREEMENT.

F. THE IMPOSITION OF COUNTERVAILING DUTIES BY THE UNITED STATES ON IMPORTS OF CUT-FLOWERS FROM COLOMBIA.

G. THE NEW AGREEMENT BY THE UNION OF BANANA EXPORTING COUNTRIES.

THE COLOMBIAN DELEGATION ALSO EXPRESSED THEIR HOPE OF PARTICIPATING IN THE MTN ON THE BASIS OF NON-RECIPROCITY AND PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE TOKYO DECLARATION. END QUOTE RUSH

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